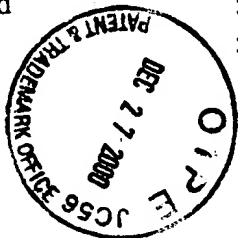


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Applicants : William Butler Cowden et al.
Application No. : 09/142,597
Filed : September 10, 1998
For : USE OF COXIELLA BACTERIA TO TREAT
AUTOIMMUNE DISEASE



Examiner : S. Devi, Ph.D.
Art Unit : 1641
Docket No. : 120081.403
Date : December 21, 2000

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME

UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents:

Applicants herewith petition the Assistant Commissioner of Patents under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for a three-month extension of time for filing the response to the Examiner's Action dated June 21, 2000 from September 21, 2000 to December 21, 2000. Submitted herewith is a check in the amount of \$445 to cover the cost of the extension.

Any deficiency or overpayment should be charged or credited to Deposit Account No. 19-1090. This petition is being submitted in triplicate.

Respectfully submitted,

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